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|                     | 3,849,146          | 11/74  | Walters et al.     | 96    | 107           |                               |
|                     | 3,859,162          | 1/75   | Johnson et al.     | 428   | 318.6         |                               |
|                     | 4,017,117          | 4/77   | Eggert et al.      | 296   | 146.6         |                               |
|                     | 4,019,301          | 4/77   | Fox                | 52    | 725           |                               |
|                     | 4,390,645          | 6/83   | Hoffman et al.     | 521   | 137           |                               |
|                     | 4,451,518          | 5/84   | Miura et al.       | 296   | 146.6         |                               |
|                     | 4,751,249          | 6/88   | Wycech             | 521   | 54            |                               |
|                     | 4,769,391          | 9/88   | Wycech             | 521   | 54            |                               |
|                     | 4,813,690          | 3/89   | Coburn, Jr.        | 277   | 205           |                               |
|                     | 4,874,650          | 10/89  | Kitoh et al.       | 428   | 68            |                               |
|                     | 4,898,630          | 2/6/90 | Kitoh et al.       | 156   | 79            |                               |
|                     | 4,997,951          | 3/91   | Bagga              | 548   | 352           |                               |
|                     | 5,076,632          | 12/91  | Surratt            | 296   | 205           |                               |
|                     | 5,102,188          | 4/7/92 | Yamane             | 296   | 203.03        |                               |
|                     | 5,213,391          | 5/93   | Takagi             | 296   | 205           |                               |
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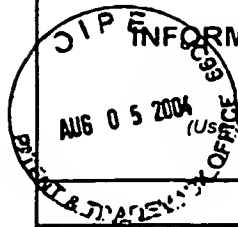
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|                     | 5,344,208          | 9/6/94  | Bien et al.      | 296      | 187           |                               |
|                     | 5,506,025          | 4/9/96  | Otto et al.      | 428      | 98            |                               |
|                     | 5,533,781          | 7/96    | Williams         | 296      | 204           |                               |
|                     | 5,545,361          | 8/96    | Rosasco          | 264/45.2 | 264/46.6      |                               |
|                     | 5,609,385          | 8/97    | Catlin           | 296      | 203.01        |                               |
|                     | 5,648,401          | 7/97    | Czaplicki et al. | 521      | 85            |                               |
|                     | 5,660,428          | 8/97    | Catlin           | 296      | 203.01        |                               |
|                     | 5,720,510          | 2/98    | Daniel et al.    | 296      | 203.01        |                               |
|                     | 5,725,272          | 3/98    | Jones            | 296      | 208           |                               |
|                     | 5,806,919          | 9/98    | Davies           | 296      | 205           |                               |
|                     | 5,857,734          | 1/99    | Okamura et al.   | 296      | 187.12        |                               |
|                     | 5,866,052          | 2/99    | Muramatsu        | 264      | 46.6          |                               |
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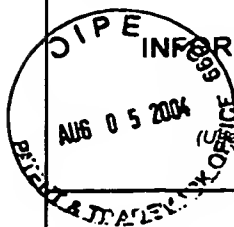
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|                     | 6,003,274          | 12/99 | Wycech           | 52    | 232           |                               |
|                     | 6,040,350          | 3/00  | Fukui            | 521   | 135           |                               |
|                     | 6,050,579          | 4/00  | Selland et al.   | 296   | 204           |                               |
|                     | 6,058,673          | 5/00  | Wycech           | 52    | 721.4         |                               |
|                     | 6,062,624          | 5/00  | Crabtree et al.  | 296   | 39.3          |                               |
|                     | 6,068,424          | 5/00  | Wycech           | 403   | 269           |                               |
|                     | 6,079,180          | 6/00  | Wycech           | 296   | 203.01        |                               |
|                     | 6,092,862          | 7/00  | Kuwahara         | 296   | 204           |                               |
|                     | 6,092,864          | 7/00  | Wycech, et al.   | 296   | 204           |                               |
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|                     | 6,218,442 B1       | 4/01  | Hilborn, et al.    | 521   | 85        |                               |
|                     | 6,233,826 B1       | 5/01  | Wycech             | 29    | 897.1     |                               |
|                     | 6,237,304 B1       | 5/01  | Wycech             | 52    | 731.6     |                               |
|                     | 6,247,287 B1       | 6/01  | Takabatake         | 52    | 731.6     |                               |
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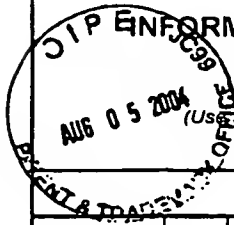
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|                     | 6,287,666 B1       | 9/01  | Wycech             | 428   | 122       |                               |
|                     | 6,296,298 B1       | 10/01 | Barz               | 296   | 187       |                               |
|                     | 6,305,136 B1       | 10/01 | Hopton, et al.     | 52    | 309.7     |                               |
|                     | 6,311,452 B1       | 11/01 | Barz, et al.       | 52    | 735.1     |                               |
|                     | 6,332,731 B1       | 12/01 | Wycech             | 403   | 171       |                               |
|                     | 6,346,573 B1       | 2/02  | White              | 525   | 121       |                               |
|                     | 6,348,513 B1       | 2/02  | Hilborn, et al.    | 521   | 95        |                               |
|                     | 6,357,819 B1       | 3/02  | Yoshino            | 296   | 189       |                               |
|                     | 6,413,611 B2       | 7/02  | Roberts, et al.    | 428   | 99        |                               |
|                     | 6,419,305 B1       | 7/02  | Larsen             | 296   | 203.03    |                               |
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|                     | 6,423,755 B1       | 7/02  | Allen et al.       | 521   | 111       |                               |
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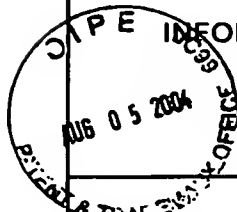
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|  |  | 6,387,470 B1       | 5/02  | Chang, et al.                 | 428   | 121           |                               |
|  |  | 6,406,078 B1       | 6/02  | Wycech                        | 293   | 120           |                               |
|  |  | 6,455,126 B1       | 9/02  | Wycech                        | 428   | 122           |                               |
|  |  | 6,455,144 B1       | 9/02  | Wycech                        | 428   | 308.4         |                               |
|  |  | 6,467,834 B1       | 10/02 | Barz, et al.                  | 296   | 187           |                               |
|  |  | 6,471,285 B1       | 10/02 | Czaplicki, et al.             | 296   | 188           |                               |
|  |  | 6,474,722 B2       | 11/02 | Barz                          | 296   | 187           |                               |
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|  |  | 6,475,577 B1       | 11/02 | Hopton, et al.                | 428   | 34.7          |                               |
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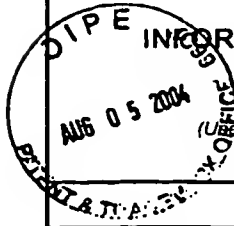
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|                     | 6,573,309          | 6/03  | Reitenbach et al. | 521   | 135           |                               |
|                     | 6,575,309 B1       | 6/03  | Chiga             | 210   | 435           |                               |
|                     | 6,607,238 B2       | 8/03  | Barz              | 296   | 187           |                               |
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|                     | 6,649,243 B2       | 11/03 | Robert, et al.    | 428   | 99            |                               |
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|                     | 2002/0053179 A1<br>Application | 5/02  | Wycech             | 52    | 721.4         |                               |
|                     | 2002/0074083 A1<br>Application | 6/02  | Ludin, et al.      | 156   | 293           |                               |
|                     | 2002/0074827 A1<br>Application | 6/02  | Fitzgerald, et al. | 296   | 188           |                               |
|                     | 2002/0096833 A1<br>Application | 7/02  | Czaplicki, et al.  | 277   | 316           |                               |
|                     | 2002/0094427A1                 | 7/02  | Edwards et al.     | 428   | 297.4         |                               |
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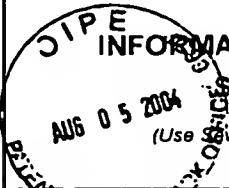
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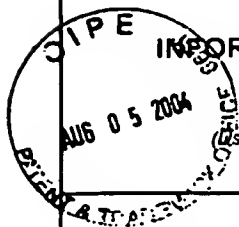


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